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Reason, Organization, and Personality.

Two or three developments which have taken place in American life during the last thirty or forty years are worth considering in their bearings upon the problems of today-particularly political questions. These changes have taken place so quietly that they have scarcely been realized, and they are, perhaps, remarkable rather as tendencies than as accomplished facts. But they are eignificant, all the

One is the disposition which now exists to settle everything by reason instead of emotion or tradition. Another is the portance of the individual.

It may seem to some people that the second of these facts contradicts the other two. But in the long run, it does not.

With the rise of free religious thought and industrial enterprise came a strong tendency to reason out every problem, insteel of obeying blindly the dictum of some superior power, or following some party watchword. There is a great deal of coercion of the individual nowadays, against which reason rebels, but it differs is partly or wholly aware that something is wrong and would resist if he could. The rise of the trusts has occurred with the knowledge of the people, though not to the opportunities which industrial conditions have afforded to the capitalist. There was a time, no doubt, when to the average American citizen the rich and successful man was an object of admiration. It is to be doubted whether this is

natural reaction from ultra-democratic to put a Republican candidate for govideals, which demanded more than could immediately be accomplished. Such reactions always come, and they never last. The great fact remains that human nature faster and better in freedom interests. That conviction, which is althan in subjection. In its crude state free- ready universal from the Battery to Bufdom always has ugly features, but that is these features are the natural results of tumn; and there were plenty of delegates former servitude. This is the case with in Philadelphia last night who were of the every emancipated peasant class. Consid- opinion that the situation portended the erable moonshine has been evolved about loss of New York. the beautier of the old plantation system in the South. It had some; there is no of the large rice, cotton, and sugar plantations were more like Sodom and Gomorrah than anything in a republic ought It is useless to put forward all the useful and pleasant features of a system and ignore the bad ones. Any person of ber of men in his acquaintance who are not fit to be entrusted with irresponsible power. Such power is the objectionable feature in the trust system; but instead people are reasoning and arguing about

That is a hopeful sign. sometimes seems as if everybody in this populace know more about the truth of the Republic, down to the school children, had determined to meet in clubs and discuss did in 1898. things. Absurd as some of the clubs are points of view, and decide it by appeal to reason, there is hope that it will be settled

right. Although the individual has to submit to the demands of organization, it still adds to his importance. His vote is necessary, to begin with. So is his influence Under a disorganized state of society the man of strong personality has little power With organization he can extend his influence, but only as it proves, when nicely measured against that of others, to be stronger than theirs. He cannot rule arbitrarily without trouble. He must prove his fitness for rule. And so these three influences are working together perhaps to perfect the Republic-in time.

The Huckster Nuisance. A matter which ought to receive attention just at this season is the huckster nuisance. Some way can surely be devised by which itinerant purveyors of green groceries can sell their wares without bothering busy people or making the early morning hours hideous. A few years ago the push-cart men were hustled from one place to another and not allowed to keep their station on any public thoroughfare on the plea that they were in the It is difficult to see how a push-cart is any more in the way when it is backed up against the curbstone and standing still than when it is moving about from place to place, but there seemed to be some such impression in the minds of the

authorities. The huckstering system is unquestionably a convenience to many housekeepers, especially those living at some distance or green peas or some such commodity happen to be wanted in a hurry, the peddlet can often supply the demand and save the busy housewife the trouble of going to market. Some of these traveling grocers sell fruit and vegetables which are both beiter and cheaper than those to be found at the groceries or small markets and they are thus enabled to make a fairly

good living at their buiness. But they can certainly do this without 4.00 ringing every door bell along the streets they traverse so that somebody has to leave the task in hand and run to open the door. There ought to be some sort of regulation forbidding this and also restricting house-to-house canyassing by agents. Many housewifes will testify to the fact that now and then, through the number and persistence of these callers, a whole morning is spent in doing very little more than answer rings at the door bell. though the voice of the vender sticuting the names of his wares is not agreeable, it is less troublesome than the other custom.

The Colorless Republican Outlook. Naturally, it is too early to indulge in prophecies as to what is going to happen in November; but, if it were proper to base predictions upon conditions as they appear today, there are few political observers who, if they spoke honestly, would care to say that things look promising for the ticket nominated at Philadelphia.

The details of the Convention

The details of the Convention were cleverly conceived and managed by Mark Hanna, but what he sought to accomplish was leavely detected by the variance. complish was largely defeated by the vanity and selfishness of Theodore Reosevelt.

Nothing would suit that strenuous character but to be placed in the attitude of having the Vice Presidential nomination forced upon him, as one greater than his party greater than his party greater than the President as a walked out the stand looked up. Then he walked out into the middle of the street and walked out into the middle of the street and took of the street as the street complish was largely defeated by the vani-

strong tendency toward organization, in all classes of society. A third, due in great measure to the combined influence of the other two, is the increasing imwhich made that ambition impossible of realization. And yesterday it became apparent, to the disgust of the Rough Rider's shouters from all over the wild and woolly West, that he had been playing a deep game for the other chance ever since. The later developments in the Roosevelt game at Philadelphia have involved a political blunder on his part that cannot fail to seriously injure the Republican party in the campaign. We are not disposed to blame him for that "red Indian" feeling which made him anxious to take it out of Plat and the great to take it out of Plat and the great dent and Vice President were cominated. from that of the past in that the victim to take it out of Platt and the great to take it out of Platt and the great corporate interests who had turned him down in New York. But its open and vice including the nimble nickel of Convention vistors was a weighing machine, the proprietor of which put in an appearance near the Walton after the adjournment of the Walton after the walton after the adjournment of the Walton after the proprietor of which put in an appearance near the Walton after the proprietor of which put in an appearance near the Walton after the proprietor of which put in an appearance near the Walton after the adjournment of the Walton after the walton after the walton after the results obtained; whether there had been wanton waste, or ing the nimble nickel of Convention visitors was a weighing machine, the proprietor of which put in an appearance near the Walton after the proprietor of which put in an appearance near the Walton after the proprietor of which put in an appearance near the Walton after the proprietor of which put in an appearance near the Walton after the proprietor of which put in an appearance near the Walton after the proprietor of which put in an appearance near the Walton after the proprietor of which put in an appearance near the Walton after the proprietor of which put in an appearance near the Walton after the w with their concurrence. It has been due of the ticket at heart; and he certainly event of a succession to first place through the death of the President, man wearing a wide-brimmed hat and decnow so. There is a strong undercurrent of rebellion against the aggrandizement of the rich, which prevents any such blind acquiescence in plutocratic rule as the peasant of Europe gives to the rule of the aristocracy. In spite of the fact that a large percentage of the American people in the rule of the large percentage of the American people in the death of the President, but he doubtless thinks the Vice President large percentage of the American people are only one generation removed from that peasant class themselves, they will never willingly sink to that level.

A great deal of rubbish is just now being talked about the beauty of an aristocratic system of things, and the sentence of the system of the tocratic system of things, and the sen- State machines to carry out their trust feature timental value of the relations between deal in that Commonwealth. The voters the rich and the poor when one class is of New York, too, are now on notice that hopelessly above the other. That is the the enemies of the people will attempt

Unless Hanna can discover some new scheme to excite a little enthusiasm for denying that. At its best it was very ly to go begging in other Stafes. The fact that, at the last moment, he weakened on the Porto Rican infamy and its defiance of the Constitution, and dared not endorse the course of the Administration in that connection, will painfully hurt the trust cause in Ohio and the Middle West. The sober American sentiment of the people ary intelligence can pick out a numis bitterly resentful of that departure from "our plain duty" and the letter of funda mental national law. If to offset this ugly of acquiescing in its helplessly, or loyfeature of the struggle Hanna believes ally supporting it from sentiment, the Rider show his teeth and read the list of his Spanish corpses, he will find that he has miscalculated effects. The teeth are The modern tendency to organization is all right, but it is an unhappy reflection a result of this same reasoning impulse. It that the corpses are largely visionary. The

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Since that time other men and things they, too, show a hopeful condition of affairs. When people can be brought to talk gayety of nations. We have seen the trusts swoop down on Administration and force it to oppress an American Territory for their benefit, in violation of the Constitution. We have een the McKinley-Salisbury alliance in full operation against the Nicaragua Canal and the Monroe Doctrine. The spectacle of Secretary Gage and his dealings with the Standard Oil Bank has intervened. The Hanna Ship Subsidy job, to take ninety million dollars out of the Treasury and hand it over as a free gift to ten or a Gozen transportation magnates, was but re-cently before us. There are many burning questions and issues for the people to think about, and vote upon, and they are all fresher than Roosevelt and his personal

conquest of Cuba. Just before the death of Count Muravieff some progress had been made in an effort to arrange a European agreement under which the Dowager Empress of China was to be deposed, and the Em peror Kwang-Su restored to the throne. with the real power to be vested in an international council. The sudden change in the St. Petersburg foreign office may spoil this plan; besides which we are afraid that, when the truth comes to be known, Kwang-Su will be found quite as dead as Muravieff.

Again it is reported from Havana that ex-Director Rathbone is to be arrested within a few days. The campaign is comwithin a few days. The campaign is coming on now and it is highly desirable to thave knowledgeable gentlemen like this one—formerly of Columbus—under lock and key. Otherwise these is no telling how quickly he might carry out his threat to "pull down the pillars of the temnia."

Lancaster General Hospital, \$4,000 to the Lancaster Cemeter. Association, \$1,000 to Bethany Orphans' home at Womelsdorf, Pa., \$1,000 to St. Andrew's Reformed Church. Like Tather's library to the Lancaster Law Library. m a base of supplies, for when berries to "pull down the pillars of the temple."

CONVENTION AFTERMATH.

PHILADELPHIA, June 22.-Norman E. Mack, of Buffalo, William J. Bryan's intimate friend, has been in the throughout the Republican National Convention. Many wondered what a Bryan Democrat was doing here, but it must be recalled that Mr. Mack is a newspaper man, and he is here in his professional ca-pacity. When Mr. Mack heard that Roosevelt was to be cominated for Vice President he said: "That settles it. We will carry New York." When asked whom the Democrats would nominate for Vice President he said: "David B. Hill. I believe that Hill will go to Kansas City and take off his coat. I believe that he will rehabilitate himself with the National organization, and then he will be the old-time idol of the party and make a magnificent showing."

The delegates and visitors to Philadelphia will return to their homes with pain-ful recollections of their experiences with Quaker City elevators. On two different casions people were nearly killed by a falling elevator at the Walton. At the Bellevue, the elevator got stuck on two or

took off his hat and looked up. Then he party, greater than the President, and as the one man capable of saving the organization from rout and destruction at the polls. It is true that Roosevelt would much rather have secured a second term as Governor of New York, but, at least as Governor of New York, but, at least as badge and that his right hand was resting looked up. Then he noticed that and looked up. Then he took off his hat and looked up. Then he took off his hat and looked up. Then he took off his hat and looked up. Then he walked out into Ahe middle of the street and took a stand there with his cycs glued on the Pennsylvanian's window. The Pennsylvanian's window. The Pennsylvanian's window. The he are took of his hat and looked up. Then he walked out into Ahe middle of the street and took a stand there with his cycs glued on the Pennsylvanian's window. The Pennsylvanian's window went downstairs.

Mayor Ashbride has announced that the Mayor Ashbride has announced that the Convention Hall grounds will be open to visitors today, and that the Municipal Band will give a concert there for the benefit of the public from 2 until 5.

Mayor Ashbridge also authorized the announcement that the Municipal Band would be assigned to the Convention Hall cone day next week for the benefit of the one day next week for the benefit of the

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"By George," he exclaimed to his com-

panion, "I buncoed that weighing machine fellow and didn't know it."
"How's that?" asked his companion.
"Forgot all about having them two blam-

ed guns on me. They weigh two blam-ed guns on me. They weigh two pounds apiece if they weigh an ounce, and if I hadn't had 'em the fellow'd have guessed within two pounds of my weight as sure as shootin'. Let's go back and square ac-

erlooks an opportunity was demonstrate ed by the numerous specimens who floated ntion visitors to buy badges, buttons envention tickets, and other things useful nseless. More than this, when one opakir knows how to conjure up another. Yesterday afternoon, after the adjourn ment of the Convention, the crowds in the ricinity of the Walton were greeted with "Tickets, Convention tickets. Get our Convention tickets here."

Of course, everybody was surprised for verybody knew that the Convention was ver, and none could grasp just what use ickets to it would be. The fakira lost no e in enlightening them, however

"Get your tickets to take home for sou-enirs," the enterprising sidewalk merchants added. "Then you can show 'em to our friends and tell 'em that you attend. the Convention. Convention, even if you weren't mile of the hall. Get 'em before they're all sold.'

Probably four or five hundred of the bits pasteboard, minus the con and been torn off when the tickets were presented for admission, were disposed of uring the afternoon and evening, at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$1 a set

Abrer McKinley, the President's brother, as one of the interested spectators at the envention yesterday, and after the adurnment he received scores of congratumented by requests to be renembered to the President.

. . . It is estimated that about 100,000 visitors were brought to Philadelphia by the rail-oads during the week. Hotel men and merchants were greatly disappointed because the Convention did not last the week out, but it is stated on good authority that Philadelphia made up many times over for the price she paid for the Convention.

FORTUNE GOES TO CHARITY

Pennsylvania Testatrix Distributes Nearly Half a Million.

LANCASTER, Pa., June 22.-The will of Miss Catharine H. Long, the wealthiest woman of this city, was admitted to proate yesterday. The estate is valued at \$500,000, and a great bulk of it is given to charity. She bequeaths \$60,000, her handsome and valuable home on East orange Street, and half the residue of the estate to an asylum for indigent women of this city over the age of forty-five. It shall be known as the "Henry G. Long Asylum," in memory of her father, late judge of the local courts.

A seventy-acre farm in Manheim town-ship, near the city, is bequeathed to the city for a public park, which shall be in charge of a commission composed of the mayor, presidents of councils, and the executors of the will. The interest of the remaining half of the residue of the estate is to be used for improving and beauty-ing the grounds, which shall be knwon as "Long Park." The sum of \$6,000 is be-

THE FINANCES OF CUBA.

Senator 0. H. Platt Finds the Task Plans for the Establishment of a of Investigation Hard. In speaking of the Congressional investi-

Chairman of the Committee on Relations ter of the proposed American National In- the Chinese are bitterly opposed to inwith Cuba, said last night:

the island of Cuba, from its occupation to said: ate resolution directing the same.

respective executive departments which have had anything to do with the admin-istration of Cuban affairs—especially with the receipts and disbursements of Cuban revenues—for such reports, correspondence and other documentary information as was needful to lay a foundation for an intelli-

gent and thorough investigation.

Members of the committee quickly realized that until placed in possession of
such information it would be idle for them
to attempt to proceed with their task.

They would be groping in the dark, without a clew to guide them and wasting their out a clew to guide them and wasting their energies and time in running down rumors and exploring sensations, which might be found teseiss at last. What they chiefly desired to find out as a necessary preliminary to further enquiries was how much money had been expended in the several branches of the Cuban service, for what purposes expended and to whom paid. Such a starting point was absolutely necessary; whether all the expenditures were necessary; whether the expenditures had been extravagant, as compared with the value of the materials furnished, the servwhether there had been wanton waste, or peculation, or plain stealing, either on a large or small scale, these were matters that could be determined only by future enquirles and sworn testimony. For example, the committee could not decide whether the compensation of \$300 a

what were the nature and value of said \$130,000, or any other sum, on a plant for the manufacture of an alleged disinfectant was extravagant until it had ascertain These examples are referred to because they are typical of the many reports in circulation in Cuba as well as in Wash-ington, the truth or falsity of which can determined only by a searching enquiry, based on ascertained facts, which must be a matter of official record either in Cuba or Washington, or both. The committee, therefore, seems to

have been fully justified in first trying to obtain those preliminary facts in Washington, where all of them ought to be matters of official record. It is known, moreover, that many of these facts are of record in the War Department, and all of them would have been so if the intent of Coness, as expressed in legislation, and of the President, as expressed in his first order, in respect to the disbursements of Cuban revenues, had been executed. It is thought to be exceedingly unfortunate that that was not done. It it had been the alter that was not done. It it had been the alter that was not done. But it leads to many accounts, to make the institution of the free gift of a municipal plat of grounds. But it leads to make the institution of the free gift of a municipal plat of grounds. and disagreeabel duty in the heat of mid-summer and of a Presidential campaign. Whoever suggested or devised the scheme or system of official accountabilican revenues which has been int operation for nearly eighteen months is chiefly responsible for the Cuban scandals. That is a plain statement of fact which will bear frequent replittion, however disapresed by the Server of the Seine, that he may enter into negotiation with the founders of the American National Institute.

greeable it may be. When the Secretary of War sent to the enate on February 15 last a partial reply the Senate resolution of January 17 calling for an itemized statement of reeints and disbursements including sale ies and incidental expenses. formed that body that the Military G serior had been directed to prepare the lotailed statement required, and as soon is received it would be transmitted to the Senate. On May 15 a supplementary report was sent to the Senate, but it did port was sent to the Senate, but it did not give the details required. It is un-derstood, however, that copies of some of the salary lists have since been re-

is not very easy to see why the War Department has not before this fur nished Chairman Platt and his com nisted Chairman Platt and his committee with some part of the Information called for more than a fortnight ago. The Sec-retary of War called on the Military Gov-ernor of Cuba for it more than five months ago, and some of it was furnished o the War Department many weeks ago If the committee is to wait until all the is the committee is to wait until all the secounts of receipts and expenditure lown to the end of April shall have bee suddied, settled and reported to Wash ington before beginning to take testimo ny, the delay will be a long one. unts cover a period of sixteen mo and some of them are believed to be in so incomplete and imperfect a state that it will take many months to put them in a presentable shape.

DROWNING OF AN AERONAUT. Fell Into a Lake After His Balloon

Collapsed.

TOLEDO, Ohio, June 22.-Arthur Ledard, an aeronaut and parachute jumper was drowned in Lake Erie last evening He was giving an exhibition at the butchers' and grocers' picnic, which was held at Presque Isle, outside the city limits. Just after he ascended the wind shifted, nd instead of drifting toward the city e drifted out over the lake. He evid sbandoned hope of the parachute, and was seen climbing up into the balloon. Sud-lenly the balloon collapsed and dropped into the lake. Steamers had started in the wake of the balloon, but before they arrived Ledvard had surk

The Queen Returns to Windsor LONDON, June 22.-The Queen arrived t Windsor yesterday. He health has b en mmensely benefited by her stay in Scot

Four Reynolds Portraits Sold. LONDON, June 22.—Four po traits by Sir Joshua Reynolds brought 11,600 guineas at a sale at Willis' yesterday af-

AN AMERICAN INSTITUTE.

Great School in Paris. The State Department is in receipt of ingation of the condition of affairs and formation that the American colony in

April 30, 1900; such detailed statement bo- "The United States Government building necessary to any thorough and intelli-gent investigation, as required by the Sen-fort will be spared to make it worthy, in beauty of architectural plan and in com-"The War Department, in connection with the Treasury and Postoffice Departtion. It has been suggested that a permanents, is busily engaged in preparing such nent building of similar or appropriate destatement. It involves, of course, a com- sign be erected on a convenient site, aldete audit of all accounts for the island of ready given by the municipality, near the Cubs, and a new classification of the same.

The amount of labor entailed on the War Department by the call of the committee for such audited accounts can scarcely be appreciated by those not familiar with the subtleef.

remain indifferent to this, the more that you, like curselves, are greatly touched by this fresh homage paid to the city of Paris. considered in the light of the luminous centre of civilization.
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the interpreters of the entire council, as we are already of your commission of eduwe are already of your commission cation and the fine arts, in respectfully cation and the Mica Matilda Smedley. ongratulating Miss Matilda Smedley, under of the institute, upon her generous

"If it is of interest to the youth of America, if the city of Paris should rejo at it, the whole of France will applaud, happy in the glory of her artists and the genius of her scholars, proud of the light they shed on the world, A petition sent to the President of the

United States, after reciting the aims and hopes of the promoters of the institute. included as follows:

"In view of all these facts and especially the generosity and good will shown by e Government of France and its citizens, we trust that we are not asking too much that this matter may now be brought to the attention of Congress to the end that, in its wisdom, an appropriation of \$250,000 may be granted with which to erect a suitable structure in Paris upon the gro so generously donated, to be known as the nerican National Institute, with all its mense advantages to the American youth, male and female

"When the girls that have been donated called in their total value will not be The scholarships that have been given are as follows: Mrs. Walden-Pell, \$10,000

Mrs. James Jackson, \$10,000; Mrs. Frank Leslie, \$5,000; Baroness Seilliere, \$200; the Baroness Zedwitz, \$500. Baroness Zedwitz, \$509.

"The Institute will be self-sustaining through private contributions and scholarships and no claim for any expense attendant upon its due and proper maintenance will be asked or expected from the Government of the United States beyond the cum of \$250,000 for the erection of the struct

"In this connection I submit, as an apendix, a statement of fourteen sites, any one of which is suitable and may be selected. One-half of these is valued at \$250,000 each, while the least would at a low estimate be \$60,000. The municip council is anxious to close negotiations for any one of these sites, based upon f..vora-ble action by the Congress of the United States."

Crane to Rest in Jersey Soil.

ELIZABETH, N. J., June 22 .- An Eliza beth undertaker has been engaged by the relatives of Stephen Crane to take charge of his body when it reaches New York next Tuesday on the steamship Bremen, of the North German Lloyd Line. The cas-ket will be placed in a receiving vault in New York, where it will remain until Thursday, when interment will be Thursday, when interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery, between Newark and

ENTERPRISE IN CHINA.

Effect of the Development of Railways and Telegraphs.

Telegraphs and railways appear to be among the causes of the anti-foreign riots finances of Cuba, Senator O. H. Patt, Paris has not relaxed its efforts in the mat- now in progress in China. It is known that stitute at Paris to be erected on ground novations of any kind. The development "I have been in consultation with the donated by the Government of France. A of those features of modern enterprise War Department with a view to obtaining good deal of literature on this subject came in China is described in considerable deat the earliest possible moment a detailed before Congress at the last session. Presi- tail in a recent publication of the Treasstatement of receipts and expenditures in dent McKinley in his last annual message ury Eureau of Statistics, entitled, "Commercial China in 1899." It shows that the telegraph system of China included in 1899 about 3,000 miles of lines in operation, and that the railroad system included 350 miles of road in active opera-

tion and over 3,000 miles projected. The teigraph system connected all of the capitals of the Provinces with the national capital, Pekin, and in turn con-nected with the Russian trans-Siberian teigraph line and the ocean cables; but it appears from the recent reports that these lines have in many cases been de-stroyed by the anti-foreign mobs and

for such audited accounts can scarcely be appreciated by those not familiar with the subject.

"Every effort is being made by the War Department to furnish the informantion required within the shortest possible time. A thorough investigation of all the expenditures in Cuba is now being made and corps of expert accountants employed by him. A thorough investigation of all the expenditures in Cuba is now being made and corps of expert accountants employed by the Martin and the results communicated to the War Department, and by it to the committee it is evident that until this is done the work of investigating by witnowes examotable begun."

The task which the committee is required to perform is a hard and perplexing one, a fact which is fully and keenly realized by Chairman Platt and other Senators, who have bestowed much thought there they had better begin. At its first treeting, several weeks ago, the committee of the perform is a hard and perplexing one, a fact which is fully and keenly realized by Chairman Platt and other Senators, who have bestowed much incomplete they had better begin. At its first treeting, several weeks ago, the committee of the propose of establishing the quivelent of the American National Institute, and istraction of Cuban affairs—especially with the excepts and disbursements of Cuban frevenues—for such reports, correspondence and other documentary information as well as in the decided nation of the report reads and never the propose of establishing the equivelent of the propose of establish

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will be cannot now be forecold. Russia controls a long stretch of territory along her Asiatic frontier to the north, and England the territory of British India and Burmah at the southwest. Railway lines existing or projected extend from the territory of both of those countries into the very heart of China and intermingled with and an important link among these is the of the country women of Palestine. Which is pares in railway matters, arranged for the expenditure of accepted authorities in ra way matters, arranged for the exper ture of \$20,000,000 of American funds.

NORTH CAROLINA COTTON.

Commissioner of Agriculture Reports an Increased Acreage.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 22.-After a care ful review of the returns by correspondents the State Commissioner of Agriculture says he is convinced that the increase of cotton acreage in North Carolina is very close to 10 per cent. The increase is almost entirely in counties east of here, which up to this year had for several years been growing bright tobacco. Low prices of leaf have forced them to return to coton. The condition of cotton is 89 per cent. The wheat crop is so remarkably

good that the commissioner says the per-centage of condition given 108, is too low. The reports on the irucking and berry erests in Eastern North Carolina shor hat the present season has been, all thing ensidered, the most successful one on reconstitutions rd. Prices have been well sustained and be transportation companies have handled shipments far better than ever before

A DISASTROUS EXPLOSION.

Two Men Killed, Roundhouse Wrecked, and Twelve Engines Destroyed. BAKERSFIELD, Col., June 22 .- An explosion in an ergine oil tank yesterday caused the death of two workmen and the destruction of the Southern Pacific round house, with twelve engines valued at \$30,

000 each.

The engines were fast passenger loc The engines were tast passenger force motives of heavy power, for use over the mountains. Because of their great size they cannot be duplicated in less than several months. The cause of the explosion is thought to have been spontaneous

CURRENT HUMOR.

- (From the Chicago News.)

Rich Uncle-Weat, broke again! You should take Solomon's advice to the sluggard about going to the ant for
Nephew (interrunting) Yeo the ant for—
Nephew (interrupting)—So I did, uncle, but nt says she's in the same deplorable condition hasn't got a cent.

(From Puck.)

The Robin-Say, Twitters, a boy with a catapula came near suiping me this morning.

The Sparrow-Serves you right! Haven't I advised you time and again to due that red from khaki color

Could Sympathize, (From the Chicago Tribune.)

"This climate doesn't agree wi'n me very well, marked the passenger with the cough. "Well, to tell the truth," responded the chanc quaintance in the next seat, "there en it disagrees with me, too, in the king and ridiculous manner. I'm the akes the official weather prediction."

The One Requisite. (From the Indianapolis Press.)

"It is not so difficult to be a missionary it China," said the man, who had been there it that expacity, "if one will be careful not to loss his head."

NOTES OF THE DAY.

Japan will pay \$4,000,000 for her new battleship

Kaolin has been recently found in the Cun and Valley, Pennsylvania, and the industr

Monkey skin is now being used in the man ure of card cases and portemonnaies and are y to become very fashionable. The King of Siam owns an army corps of 500 elephants, all well trained for military purposes and under command of a general.

The per-name of the Queen of Roumania, "Cur-men Sylva," is to be the name of a new town which has just been founded on the Danube Delta: A West Australian exploring party that recently arrived at Oodnadata reported that there had not been a drop of rain for two years in the region

The canker worm has been playing havoc among the orehards in Platt county, Mo. Farmers do not expect to produce more than one-fourth of the asual crop.

Pink pearls are to be found only in the Bah The gathering of them is one of the most important industries of the islands. Some of them bring high prices.

The three new cruisers for the Russian navy, the Askold, the Bogatyr, and the Novick, will be fitted with five tall and slender smoke stacks, giving them an odd appearance. Bangkok is a city of waters. It is an Indo-Chi-nose Venice. More people live in floating homes on the Menam, "the Nile of Siam," and the many canals than in permanent buildings.

The Queen Regent of Spain has signed a decree ordering the sale of a large number of obsolete men-of-war and providing for the reorganization and modernization of the other vessels. What expert fishermen declared the largest

sturgeon ever taken was caught last month in the North Sea. He weighed over 614 pounds, measured a trifle over 11 feet, and had a girth of 5 feet 6 inches. The hull contracts of the new battleships and

three armored cruisers, which are being built by Vickers. Sons & Maxim. at Barrow. England. for the British Navy amount to \$10,131,725, and the machinery \$3,798,896.

A document over thirty-five years old was picked up in the Central Hudson station in Utica, the other day. It was an application for a manufacturer's liquor license in Herkimer county and was in a good state of preservation.

of the country women of Palestine, which is par-ticularly interesting as adducing facts to show that the Canaanite at the time of Abraham and Serah had been transformed with slight changes into the modern Fellah.

A man in Chicago with a name ending in ski the preceding syllables being of a twisting characthe preceding synapsis being or a twitten charac-ter that no man living outside of his own rative land can pronounce, wants to have his name changed to Cummings. There is a cordial ac-quiescence in the community where he lives and has his being to grant the request.

The Germans are said to be making knives, pin-enshions, match boxes, and other knickknacks ot of their native woods, to be sent to England or sale after the Boer war is over. The finished icles are inscribed "Made of wood grown at lysmith," "The Modder," "Belmont," "Gras-," "Kimberley," "Mafeking," and even "Pre-

Cape Nome is only 2 degrees below the Arctic Circle, and yet the probabilities are that within a year or two it will become the site of a town with all modern improvements. The rush in the direction of the new gold fields is aimost unprecedented, and it the expectations now entertained are realized it will become the largest gold camp in the world. The amount of heat given out by an ordinary incandescent lamp is greatly underrated in the

popular mind. An ordinary locandle power lamp immersed in a quart of water will hear it to the boiling pint in an hour. Celluloid in contact with a lamp bulb may be ignited in a few minutes, while silk shades close to the bulbs are scorched in a few hours. Nearly eighty years ago an act of Parliament was passed for the prevention of Sunday desceration by London bakers, who were forbidden uncora penalty to bake og sell on the Lord's Day. Tais law has never been repealed, but it has not been invoked for several years. The operative bakers are now taking steps to have the old act of George IV enforced. Nearly eighty years ago an act of Parliament

What is believed to be absolutely the largest What is believed to be absolutely the largest transaction that has ever taken place in the stamp world has just been successfully carried through. Mr. M. P. Castle, a Brighton magistrate and Vice President of the London Philatelic Society, has, through Messrs. Hamilton-Smith sold his collec-tion of European stamps for about £30,000 to a gentleman interested in the hobby.

In addition to the other troubles the world has o contend with in China is the increase of pir to contend with in China is the increase of piracy in the waters of that empire. The hordes of Ce-lestial pirates in enterprise and villainy exceed those of the redoubtable Captain Kidd. In China piracy is a semi-legal profession, as officials in all parts of the empire are more disposed to belittle their depredations than to frown upon them.

Two monkeys recently protected a woman from a mob of her Greek and Italian sisters in Chicago. The assailants accused the woman of making love to their husbands and sweethearts and made a desperate effort to take revenge upon their alleged rival, who ran to cover in a shop controlled by an organ grinder. The street musician's monkeys showed their teeth to the pursuing mob, who gave up the chase. ob of her Greek and Italian sisters in Chicas

The Modern Woodmen of America have arranged to give a monster picnic party for many thous-ands of guests in a park along the Missouri River. ands of guests in a park arong the missouri fiver. The Woodmen say they have secured a park of a thousand acres known as the Moline Park, an ideal place for a monster picnic, well shaded, well watered, and suited for camping parties. The picnic is to be given July 4 to July 18, and Woodmen all over the United States are invited to take part

The old-fashioned milkmaid, so often the hef English pastorals, is passing away. Rustic of Engise pastorals, is passing away. Rustice beauties, who by the way, were never particularly beautiful, are becoming tired of country life, and rather than remain picking cowslips and daisies, feeding chickens, and milking cows, together with the other burdens of country life they are flecking to the towns and losing their identities in the grand aggregations that make up the populations of big cities.

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